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WHAT'S UP AT SHA'AR ZAHAV!

BRING A FRIEND TO CSZ

May 4, 7:00 pm

This is the night to "Bring a Friend to CSZ!" As part of Shabbat Across America, a nation-wide effort to help people connect to a Jewish community, we are asking all members to bring one friend who might be interested in learning more about CSZ. Join Dr. Tzvia Greenfield at a wine and cheese reception at 7 pm, followed by 8:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services filled with music and spirit. Enjoy, and bring a friend!!

LGBT FAMILY FORMATION LAW PANEL DISCUSSION

May 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Please join us for a panel discussion and Q&A on the latest in LGBT Family Formation Law including topics such as Adoption, Surrogacy, Egg & Sperm Donation. Panelists will include attorneys Deborah Wald and Ora Prochovnick, psychologist Stacey Schuster, and a representative from Adoption Connection of Jewish Family & Children's Services of San Francisco.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING **May 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

You pay your dues—so come find out what's been happening behind the scenes and what's in store for next year.

THE CHOSEN PARTY

May 17, 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Galleria of the SF Design Center
101 Henry Adams Street, SF

Don't miss this fun-filled evening to honor CSZ's 30-year history and to give the entire community a chance to show its appreciation of our unique synagogue. The night will include time to nosh and schmooze, a classy-kosher sit-down dinner, as well as a fantastic show with singer-songwriter, Jill Sobule (of "I Kissed a Girl"), and the incredible drag queen show straight from Jerusalem, the "Holy Wigs!"

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CSZ AT THIRTY

By Ora Prochovnick, President, CSZ

For many of us, a recurrent slogan of our activist youth was "don't trust anyone over thirty." Aside from what this saying reveals about our naivety and idealism during that stage of our lives, it is also a telling statement regarding the significance of turning thirty. The meaningful turning point is not becoming sixteen and being able to drive, turning eighteen and being able to vote (or get drafted), twenty-one and that first legal alcohol, twenty-five when your insurance rates drop, or even thirteen when Jewish culture directs that we take on the responsibilities of an adult. True adult maturity begins at age thirty.

With this year's upcoming anniversary celebration, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is turning a corner from the period of our youthful exuberance to adulthood. The occasion of celebrating our community's thirtieth birthday creates an opportunity to look back and see where we've been, as we simultaneously look forward eagerly toward where we're going.

When Sha'ar Zahav was first founded, the local Jewish press refused to even take our paid advertising. However, within a few years they were running articles on us fairly regularly. We were always doing something interesting and unusual; we made good copy. Now, articles about Sha'ar Zahav and our members are a frequent occurrence in the local press, our paid advertising is of course accepted, and our rabbi, Camille Shira Angel, sits on the board of directors of *J. the Jewish News Weekly of Northern California*.

When Sha'ar Zahav was founded it was also initially a challenge to locate a regular place to meet. Many of the established Jewish congregations and institutions in San Francisco were not comfortable opening their buildings to our marginalized community, and during the early years we had to frequently move the location of our services. That all changed in 1984 with the purchase of our beloved Danvers Street facility. As our



membership grew from approximately 100 individuals to over 500 adults and 150 children, we outgrew that space and moved to our current Mishkan Dolores.

Now we are "grown-ups" with the responsibility of maintaining a building. Our Building and Grounds Committee, under the excellent leadership of Irene Ogus, has been very busy painting the exterior, laying a new oneg room carpet, and remodeling our bima and sanctuary. Over the coming months the Va'ad will be looking at ways to ensure that our annual budget can handle the ongoing costs associated with maintaining our building, including exploring the possibilities of creating a building reserve fund and embarking on another capital campaign.

Another aspect of our adulthood is recognizing the responsibilities associated with sharing our building with others in need, as some so generously did for us in our early years, in contrast with others who hurtfully refused to do so. The Va'ad is working with our administrator, Regina Wurst, to create a consistent rental policy that will reflect our values as well as our need to be responsible stewards of our building.

One of the more unfortunate aspects of becoming older is having to learn to deal with death and grieving. But for our community, this was something we had

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SHA'AR ZAHAV!

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

On the occasion of our 30th anniversary, we pause in awe of the magnitude of the spiritual project that our generation has helped to initiate.

In many of our prayers, we remind ourselves that Judaism is passed on l'dor v'dor, from generation to generation. A generation is more than a random group of people who happen to be born at the same time. A generation is a group of people who have made a choice to be part of a particular tradition at a particular time; we may never meet, but we know we share a patch of history that directs our lives.

Our identities are created by the generation we choose. As an American Jew and a lesbian, for instance, I have chosen to become part of the generation that has known a revolutionary wave of feminism, the AIDS epidemic, the LGBT civil rights movement, Israel's many wars and its hope for peace; my innocence has been buried by the utter inhumanity that we humans continue to perpetrate: acts of terrorism, torture and genocide, as well as indifference to our environment. Spiritually, I am re-invigorated by the radical Queering of Judaism. I chart my life with the coordinates of these events.

We also know from Torah that each generation has the potential of passing on something special to the next generation, as our mothers and fathers Abraham,

Sarah and Hagar; Rebecca and Isaac; Jacob, Rachel, Leah, Bilhah and Zilpah passed Judaism on to us, l'dor v'dor.

This special gift, passed from generation to generation, becomes the connective tissue that gives enduring worth to the individual acts of labor that fill our days. When we despair of what we are about, it is because we have lost sight of the gift we can give. When we know somehow we matter, it is because we glimpse a larger pattern to our work.

"Our identities are created by the generation we choose."

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav has become that gift that one generation has been able to give to the next. Our extraordinary blend of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, straight, queer and questioning Jewish and Jewish by association members, friends and benefactors, stand for something larger than ourselves. We

have built a *kehillah kedusha*, a sacred community. It is not the same for men as for women; for old-timers and for newcomers; for old-school dykes and *fagellahs*, and the transgender Jews in our pews; for parents and queer spawn, and those of us not raising children of our own but helping to fund a new kind of Jewish education. But despite our differences, Sha'ar Zahav connects us l'dor v'dor, from one generation to another. What we are is more than what we individually plan on being. As we glance back at the generations that came before us, we can see how much this shul is a continuation of their gift and how it is becoming our own.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, as we celebrate our success and impact on the Jewish scene worldwide, so let us renew our commitment to the gift our generation can give: to use our LGBTQ sensibility and seek out the holy in the way we think about Torah, the blessings we say, the truths we discover, and the homes we have or seek to find. We are just 30 years old, still relatively brand-new as synagogues and Jewish history goes. May we live to see and know that our legacy is secure, l'dor v'dor, even as we continue re-inventing.

I love you, Sha'ar Zahav! – Happy Anniversary!

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CSZ AT THIRTY

Ora Prochovnick

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to first grapple with during our infancy and youth, not in our later adulthood, as is more customary. Our congregation's growth and development coincided with the emergence of the AIDS epidemic. Over our seemingly short thirty years, we have lost about 150 members to AIDS, cancer and other illnesses. AIDS decimated the congregation, and taxed our emotions and care systems, but it also brought us closer together. Through support groups, home visits, and our Kaiser brunch, our community was there for each other during the peak of this epidemic in unbelievable ways.

A regrettable side effect of this extraordinary effort was that perhaps we began to burn out as a supportive community. We hired more professional staff and came to rely more and more on our office staff to attend to the bikkur cholim needs of our membership. In the coming year, as a part of our growing into our adulthood, CSZ intends to reinvigorate our efforts in bikkur cholim, caring for those who are faced with illness, recognizing that this is a task which belongs to the entire community. Please contact Greg Lawrence in the synagogue office if you would like to personally be more involved in this work.

I'm not quite sure what we old hippies meant by "don't trust anyone over 30," but I always assumed it meant that we were afraid that becoming a grown-up generally means "selling out" and becoming part of the "establishment." Certainly we are now part of the mainstream in ways we never dreamed possible. Early in our history the decision was made to join the UAHC, now the URJ, the Union of Reform Judaism. Looking at Sha'ar Zahav's current relationship with the Reform movement, it is hard to imagine that the UAHC was initially reluctant to accept our membership because of our special outreach to the LGBT community. Over the years, CSZ members have served in key positions on both the regional and national URJ boards. Daniel Chesir, one of our founding members, has just completed his term as URJ regional president.

The impact which Sha'ar Zahav has had on the Reform movement, and on the Jewish mainstream in general, has been tremendous. Degenderized references to God in the liturgy, the acceptance of openly LGBT rabbis and cantors, and religious marriage for same-sex couples are all innovations which originated with Sha'ar Zahav and have now become an accepted part of the Reform movement. The ripple effect to other denominations has also begun, as indicated by this past winter's vote in the Conservative movement endorsing the ordination of lesbian and gay rabbis and sanctioning same-sex unions.

"Selling out" is far from what we have done. As a parent watching my children mature, I have come to realize that the process of growing older in a healthy way just means becoming ever more of whom you are. This is true for the growing-older CSZ as well. From the start, we always had the goal of creating an inclusive Jewish community. We are an openly LGBT congregation, but in truth we actually started out as a "gay" synagogue, and only over time added the "L", the "B" and the "T," as we struggled with and educated ourselves about what those terms meant.

Our membership now includes equal numbers of men and women, not by accident, but because we have paid close attention to parity in leadership roles, degenderized liturgy and issues of feminism. We are also honored that a growing percentage of our membership is heterosexual, and that people are drawn to join our synagogue because of our innovative and inclusive liturgy, our heimish community, our excellent religious school, our social justice work, and the many ways that people identify as "queer" and feel accepted here. We look with wonder and pride at our population of over 150 children, and look forward to the changes they will make in our future as they grow up. This past year the first young person who grew up as a child in our congregation joined us an adult member!

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TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

May 22, 9:00 pm – 2:00 am

JCC SF (co-sponsored by CSZ)

By tradition, the holiday of Shavuot is the anniversary of the revelation of the Torah at Mount Sinai. On this special night, study with many teachers into the wee hours, and discover hidden facets of Torah. Includes a celebratory plunge in the pool (or spa) to refresh ourselves physically and spiritually. Bring an open mind, a bathing suit, and prepare for total immersion!

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CELEBRATION

May 25, 7:30 pm

Please join us for a very special Shabbat service, when we will proudly call our members Kelley Clements, Barbara Braasch, Bill Stewart, Dennis Ybarra and Dana Vinicoff to the Torah as b'nei mitzvah. Come honor their commitment to Jewish life. Mazel tov to our 5767 adult b'nei mitzvah class—*chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik!*

TRANSCeleBRATION SHABBAT

A Synaplex Event

June 1-2

Kick off Pride month at CSZ with a celebration of the trans and gender-queer community! We begin with a short film and discussion program early Friday evening, followed by 8:15 pm Shabbat services, with a special drash. Shabbat morning features gender-queer-themed Torah study, morning services, and then a full afternoon of artistic and educational programs. For more information or to get involved, email the TIGQA Programming Committee: ogoun2000@yahoo.com or reuben@shaarzahav.org.

ISRAEL IN THE GARDENS

June 3, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Yerba Buena Gardens

Come celebrate Israel's 59th anniversary at the largest Jewish community festival in Northern California. An Israeli fashion show, film festival, great food, fun and educational activities for kids and adults, and lots of information about every Jewish organization or event in the area. CSZ will have a booth – stop by and say hello!

Yerba Buena Gardens, SF. Free admission. For more information visit www.israelinthegardens.org.

AZKERAH – A COMMUNITY YIZKOR (MEMORIAL) SERVICE OF HEALING

June 6, 6:00 pm

Join us at 6 pm for an informal discussion about the losses in our lives, followed by the service at 7 pm. The azkarah service, led by rabbis Camille Shira Angel and Eric Weiss, gives us an opportunity to honor our loved ones and acknowledge our losses, whether recent or past, as we also affirm life in the context of community. For more information or to have the name of a loved one read, please contact the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center at 415-750-3436 or jewishhealing@ioaging.org.

CSZ COMMUNITY RETREAT

June 8-10

You don't want to miss this weekend of relaxation in the country with good friends and interesting new people, where all of your meals are prepared for you and you can swim and play and study and do art and sing! It's all happening at Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma, for people of

all ages. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Contact Mary Jane at 415-861-6932 x302 or maryjane@shaarzahav.org for more information. If you are interested in cycling up to this weekend getaway, please call Sara Haber, 415-641-5565.

PRIDE FREEDOM SEDER- A SYNAPLEX EVENT

June 16, 6:00 pm

Experience an evening of poetry, storytelling and music as we celebrate the anniversary of the Stonewall uprising and explore our Jewish/queer history, from the earliest days of Torah to the amazing events of the present. Wine and juice provided. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share (enough for five servings). \$5 donation requested to cover materials. Pre-registration required at programming@shaarzahav.org.

DIVORCE AND DISSOLUTION LAW PANEL DISCUSSION

June 12, 7:00 -9:00 pm

Please join us for a panel discussion and Q&A on the latest trends in Divorce and Dissolution Law including topics such as the implications of rapidly changing laws on same-sex families; how mediation, collaborative process, and other non-litigious alternatives can benefit same-sex couples; implications of same-sex dissolution litigation for children and the community at large. Panelists to include attorneys from The Wald Law Group and Goldstein, Gellman, Melbostad, Gibson & Harris, psychologist Stacey Schuster, and attorney/mediator Frederick Hertz.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Another fear behind the Sixties mantra "don't trust anyone over 30" is the theory that, once past 30, a person would have so many vested interests in the status quo that he or she wouldn't be open to change. Older institutions, like people, are at risk of getting stuck in a rut. Sha'ar Zahav has shown itself able to remain open to growth and change, even as we enter our more mature years, or perhaps especially so. We need to keep asking

ourselves: What does it mean to be a queer synagogue in the 21st century?

A committee is now forming to explore the creation of innovative ritual to mark new and different life cycle events in ways that will be meaningful to our community. We are also proud of our relatively recent and developing relationship with the San Francisco Organizing Project. Through faith-based organizing, we are making better connections with one another and

with other local communities of faith. We have already achieved significant accomplishments in the area of access to health care, and there is so much more work to be done.

We have had a remarkable time together through our childhood, teen years, and twenty-somethings. What an exciting time to be entering our adulthood as we continue our journey together. Happy 30th Anniversary!

THE CHOSEN PARTY: CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF INCLUSIVE JUDAISM

By Jenni Olson

Get out your pearls! It's time to celebrate the 30th (Pearl) Anniversary of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in grand fashion with a night full of music, fun, food and festivities at the spectacular Galleria of the San Francisco Design Center (101 Henry Adams St.) on Thursday evening, May 17.

"The Chosen Party promises to be one of the most memorable evenings in Sha'ar Zahav history," exclaims event co-chair Mark Reisbaum. "Do not miss it!"

The night begins with some prime schmoozing before we all sit down to a truly delicious classy-kosher dinner and a fantastic show with singer-songwriter, Jill "I Kissed a Girl" Sobule and the incredible "Holy Wigs!" drag show all the way from Jerusalem. Over the course of this fun-filled evening we will honor Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's history and give the entire San Francisco community (gay and straight, Jewish and non-Jewish) a chance to show their appreciation for our unique synagogue that has been leading the way for a more inclusive Judaism for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Jews for the past three decades.

"This is an event both for members and for non-members who want to express their support and celebrate Sha'ar Zahav," says event co-chair Julie Dorf. "We want to welcome people who feel an affinity for the synagogue but belong to other shuls, and those who do not observe but are grateful for Sha'ar Zahav's existence."

"We want everyone to be there," adds Reisbaum. "The tickets are priced to raise funds for the synagogue. But no Sha'ar Zahav member will be turned away for lack of funds."

Top 40 Girl Kisser

Charismatic pop troubador Jill Sobule (who knew she was a Jewish lesbian?) kicks off the evening with a big fun set of her infectious songs. Back in 1995 (two years before Ellen came out) Jill's smash cross-over hit, "I Kissed A Girl," introduced MTV viewers to the joys of same-sex love.

"That song was a double-edged sword

for me," Sobule says. "It was perceived as a novelty hit, but on the other hand it was the first song with an overtly gay topic to be aired on Top 40 radio. I am quite proud of that."

Mainstream audiences may be less familiar with her devastating rendition of the *Fiddler on the Roof* classic "Sunrise, Sunset."

You may have heard Jill more recently on her many CD releases, on NPR and Air America Radio or on the Nickelodeon hit show, *Unfabulous*. She also composed the music for the off-Broadway show *Prozak and the Platypus* and co-starred in the 2004 indie comedy, *Mind the Gap*.

To see Jill live and in concert is a rare treat. Don't miss what's sure to be a truly memorable performance. In the words of *New York Times* pop music critic Jon Pareles, "Jill Sobule can claim her place among the stellar New York singer-songwriters of the last decade. Topical, funny and more than a little poignant... grown-up music for an adolescent age."

Serious Drag from Jerusalem

And speaking of grown-up music—the evening's headliners have come all the way from Jerusalem for this ONE SHOW ONLY. That's right, this is your only chance to see the wildly popular "Holy Wigs" show as it barges into the Foggy City. Starring Israel's top drag queens (and a king), this theatrical extravaganza was a smash hit at Jerusalem World Pride last summer.

Our own Rabbi Angel was even quoted in *j.* citing the show as one of the highlights of her World Pride 2006 trip – alongside the equally entertaining (in a very different way) multi-faith conference.

This is a serious major-production drag show (we're not talking about a boom box and a wig here!). The top drag queens of Israel will all be on stage, including the amazing Diva D (Dany Yair) star of Israeli Wigstock, Dragstore, and The Israeli Oscars; the lovely Kiara Duple (Lior Cohen); dancer extraordinaire, Gallina Port Des Bras (Gil Naveh, Ballets



Trockadero understudy and founder of the Gevald Drag Night at Jerusalem's well-known gay club, Shushan 4); legendary drag kings, Sharshabil Forte and Poison Avi (the knock-out gorgeous Avivit Katzil); plus gender-bender Jeppetto Hataf-Patach (Yiftach Mizrachi) and superstar Ziona Patriot (Yuval Gittleman). Brush up on your Hebrew to catch every word of this one-of-a-kind show that combines Israeli pop hits and classic gay icons.

Eat, Drink and Be Inspired

And then there's the food! You will heartily enjoy your elegant kosher sit-down dinner, prepared by the beloved Israeli chef, Ayelet Perry, who founded Cassis Catering with her husband Nir. The meal will be accompanied by a lovely selection of wine from Sonoma County's delicious Hagafen Winery. Inspired you will be, as you listen to a few memorable words from three very special CSZ luminaries, reflecting on the founding of the synagogue and its future. Speaking of whom, this WILL BE the guest list of the decade. Get your tickets today. And bring all your friends to: The Chosen Party: Celebrating 30 Years of Inclusive Judaism.

Thursday, May 17

6:30 pm-11:00 pm

Please RSVP by May 8.

If you haven't received your invitation, wish to volunteer, invite more people, or simply have questions, please contact CSZ30@shaarzahav.org or call (415-861-6932)

Pinat Yeladim U'mishpachah

Children and Family Corner



FAMILY CALENDAR

To find out more about these programs go to the Sha'ar Zahav website at www.shaarzahav.org/children-families.

BABY CHAVURAH

Sunday, May 20, 10:30 am

Sunday, June 17, 10:30 am

Meets at Duboce Park (Noe @ Duboce)

Bad weather: Meet at CSZ at 4 pm

An opportunity for the under 2 set to get together and bond with their future b'nei mitzvah class while their parents share tips and trials.

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, May 19, 10:30 am

Saturday, June 16, 10:30 am

For families with children ages 2 to 5. Celebrate Shabbat through music, art, prayer and fun! For more information contact Mary Jane Eisenberg at maryjane@shaarzahav.org.

"FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!"

Friday, May 11, 6 pm

Friday, June 1, 6 pm

Bring yourselves and your favorite grown-ups and come celebrate Shabbat with us. Monthly Family Shabbat Service designed for children 0 – 6 years meets every second Friday of each month.

FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, May 18, 6:30 pm

Friday, June 15, 6:30 pm

Potluck at 6:30 pm; service follows.

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families, then stay for Friday night services. All ages are welcome. Dinner is vegetarian potluck. Bring a dish to share. No RSVP is required.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

By Mary Jane Eisenberg, Director of Children's and Family Education

Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer and Children's & Family Programming are made possible by a great many contributors. Thank you to the Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties. We also greatly appreciate the financial support of our school from the Sinai Memorial Chapel-Chevre Kadisha for the 2007 subvention grant. We greatly appreciate all the generous efforts made by these institutions.

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And, thank you to our incredible teaching staff: Ila Cherney, Andréa Guerra, Risa Lichtman, Kendra Lubalin, Rachael Neumann, Karen Segal, Joel Siegel, Elisabeth Wakcher, Mira Waksman, Randy Weiss and Nili Yosha. We extend a thank you to our wonderful madrichim (youth teaching assistants) Ilana Rainorode Haan, Shira Zingman-Daniels, Adam Kahn and Gabe Edlin.

Thank you to our amazing member volunteers, especially Ida Kuluk, Shelli Rawlings-Fein and AJ Turpen-Fried. Thank you to our Hebrew substitute teacher volunteers, Debbie Levy and Ilana Bernstein. Thanks to Alan Gordon for being the chair of the B'nei Mitzvah sub-committee and Andrew Ramer for being the Drash Mentor for all the B'nei Mitzvah students, and to all the mentors for this year's students.

Finally, a very heart-felt thank you to parents, students, and our whole community who routinely collaborate in the on-going creation of this fantastic learning community.

BEIT SEFER DATES TO REMEMBER

The last day of Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer is May 19!

The last day of Hebrew class and the rabbi's Spiritual Quest Class is May 16!

May 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

May 15, 7:00-9:00 pm

Design Team Training

Here's your chance to learn about the Design Team! Come to these two short training sessions, and you'll be ready to do a class project next year.

May 12, 10:00 am

Sophie Navarro Bat Mitzvah

May 19 – Celebration of Learning

9:30 – 12:00 noon

We will begin our day with Opening Circle where we will also honor all our teachers

and madrichim for the outstanding work they have done all year. Later in the morning in the sanctuary, please join us for our final Celebration of Learning, where we will share what we have learned during the final unit of the year – Voices of Israel/Jewish Expression. After our Celebration of Learning, please join us at Dolores Park to eat and play.

May 26, 10:00 am

Hannah Pines-Schwartz Bat Mitzvah

June 8-10

CSZ Community Retreat

June 23, 10:00 am

Shayna Prochovnick Bat Mitzvah

June 30, 10:00 am

Arno Rosenfeld Bar Mitzvah

NOW INTRODUCING ... MAY AND JUNE'S B'NEI MITZVAH!

SOPHIE NAVARRO

May 12, 10:00 am

Sophie will celebrate her 13th birthday on the day she is called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah. She is looking forward to both events.



Sophie is a 7th grader at Alice Fong Yu Alternative School, a Chinese immersion school where all her classes starting in kindergarten were in Cantonese. In 5th grade, Mandarin was added to the schedule and now Sophie and her classmates continue to study both languages in anticipation of the 8th grade trip to China.

Sophie loves sports, especially soccer and this spring she also joined the track team. Sophie lives with her mothers, Cindy and Kathy, and older sister Mercedes, age 22. Two of the five household pets are hers, Sunshine the lovebird and Fluffy, the small ferociously cute dog.

Sophie has participated in Team Tzadek at Jewish Family & Children's Services this year and enjoyed the opportunity to deliver Hannukah bags to elderly residents at a senior residence. She expects the upcoming home repair and gardening project to be fun also.

Sophie has worked hard in preparation for her bat mitzvah and appreciates the support of her mentor, Ilana Bernstein, whose help has made the experience possible!

HANNAH PINES-SCHWARTZ

May 26, 10:00 am

Hannah is a 7th grader at Montero Middle School in Oakland. She lives with her two moms Carolyn and Judy, her sister Emma, who is in fifth grade, and their two cats, Blacky and Posey. Hannah likes to read and wants to be a doctor. She is in the Yearbook Club at school and is learning Spanish. For one mitzvah project she swam a mile to raise money for women with cancer. For another project, she has



been visiting a senior named Bernice who she met through Jewish Family and Children's Services' Team Tzedek program. Bernice has become a family friend and joined the Pines-Schwartz family for seder this year. Hannah is really looking forward to celebrating her bat mitzvah.

SHAYNA PROCHOVNIK

June 23, 10:00 am

On June 23, Shayna Prochovnick will be called to the Torah as she becomes a bat mitzvah. She is finishing the seventh grade at San Francisco Community School, which she has attended since kindergarten. Her favorite subjects are math and P.E. Shayna has been a member of Sha'ar Zahav since before she was born.

Shayna enjoys many interests and activities. In particular she is passionate about animals, toddlers, drawing and volleyball, playing setter on her team. Shayna loves traveling and spending time with her family, which includes her two moms, Rena and Ora, her sister Tsipora, her uncle Steve, Babe the guinea pig, the two cats Gene and Fred, the turtles Willie and Zark, Picc the parrot, Fish, 3 newts, and occasional visiting guide dog puppies.

She says, "I think my bat mitzvah studies are going very well. I have been working hard, but I still have a lot of work to do. I have been enjoying the studying and find it exciting." In addition to her studies, Shayna has also been participating in a variety of mitzvah projects in preparation for becoming a bat mitzvah. One of her mitzvah projects involves regular visits with an elderly woman who is housebound. She is a Holocaust survivor who lived in Shanghai and shares interesting stories about her life. Shayna also works in a garden which donates its produce to the Food Bank.

Shayna would like to thank her mentor Sarita Groisser, Rabbi Angel and Andrew



Ramer for helping her work on her drash, and her family for all their support.

ARNO ROSENFELD

June 30, 10:00 am

Arno will turn 13 years old on July 2nd, two days after his bar mitzvah on June 30.



Arno enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing all sorts of sports such as soccer, basketball and volleyball, and watching ESPN. He attends Creative Arts Charter School in the Western Addition which he has gone to since kindergarten. He has seven-year-old twin sisters and two cats.

Arno is planning to do community service with the San Francisco Food Bank and perhaps Friends of the Urban Forest. He also participates in community service at his school, including work on cleaning and reorganizing the school during Spring Cleaning.

He would like to appreciate his mentor Steve Mazer for all his help in the process leading up his bar mitzvah and Randy Wiess for helping him learn Hebrew. He would also like to thank all of his past Hebrew teachers at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

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Help Bernard Schertzer, the librarian, construct a new shelf for the library. Help move books off shelves and back onto shelves for this project. Contact Niki Rothman at nrothman@pacbell.net for more information.

MAY 2007

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	2 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	3 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	4 7:00 pm Bring a Friend to CSZ Reception 8:15 pm Shabbat Service	5 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Shabbat Service
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<div> <div> Saturday, June 16 6:00 pm Pride Freedom Seder </div> <div> 1 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service 8:15 pm Shabbat Service </div> <div> 2 9:00 am Torah Study 10:00 am Transcelebration Shabbat </div> <div> 16 </div> </div>						
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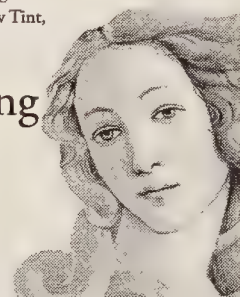
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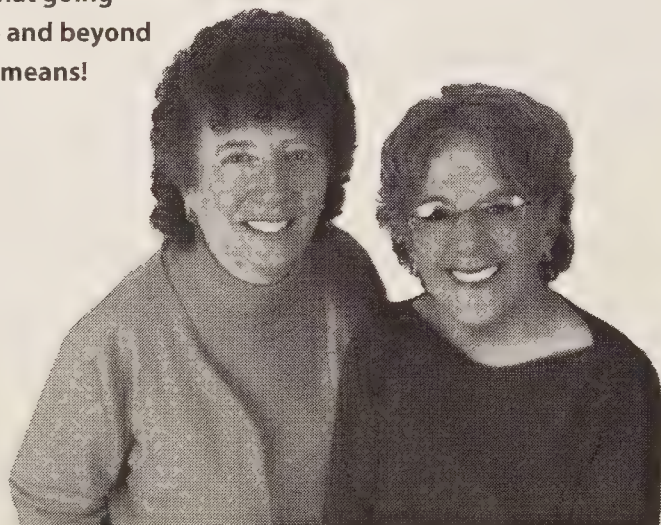
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NACHES

Anna Schwartz-Cohen on the occasion of her becoming a bat mitzvah on February 10, 2007.

Kathy McHenry on entering into the covenant, as she completed her conversion process on February 16, 2007.

Don Fischer, as his son, Spencer Gabriel Fischer, celebrated his Hebrew naming ceremony on February 17, 2007.

A very big Thank You from all of us at CSZ goes out to **David Stein and Bill Stewart** for planting and maintaining the flowers in the boxes outside the main entrance of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Your beautification efforts are stellar and most appreciated!

Paul Cohen, who served as the keynote speaker at the National Union of Jewish Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Jewish Students' (NUJLS) annual meeting at Washington University in St. Louis this past March!

Patricia Lin, who is the primary grant writer for the Center for Educational Partnerships at UC Berkeley. Her recent grant proposal was selected for the funding of \$1 million to go towards programs that will help low income and educationally disadvantaged students prepare for college.

Rabbi Yoel Kahn on his recent election to Rabbi at Congregation Beth El in Berkeley, which will begin on July 1.

Kim and Justyn Haveson-Lezin, who welcomed their daughter, Amira Nessa Lezin-Haveson (an intentional last name change), into this world on February 15, 2007. Amira weighed 8lbs, 9oz at birth and was two weeks early!

Anna Schwartz-Cohen, who wasted no time in her Jewish adult life as she beautifully chanted an aliyah at her cousin's bat mitzvah in New York on March 10, 2007.

Sha'ar Zahav members **Kevin Johnson, Erika Katske, and Kelley Clements** were among the 20 SFOP members and 400 PICO members to descend on Washington DC last week. They pushed for reauthorization and expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Hidalgo, the guide-dog puppy raised by the Frantz-Prochovnick family with great help from the Sha'ar Zahav community, has just graduated and is now working with his blind partner in Los Angeles. It takes a village...

Keep the Naches coming!

Send good news to Greg Lawrence at greg@shaarzahav.org

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June 19, 8:00 p.m.

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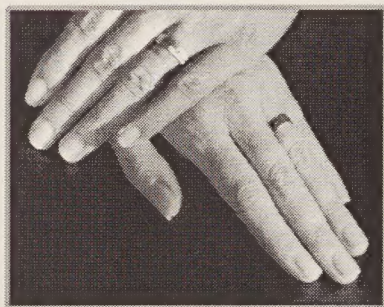
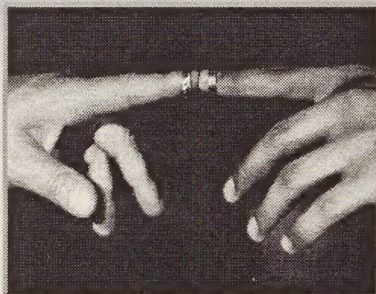
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- 13 David Delroy
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- 16 David Weinstein
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- 2 Mark Feldman
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We remember them.

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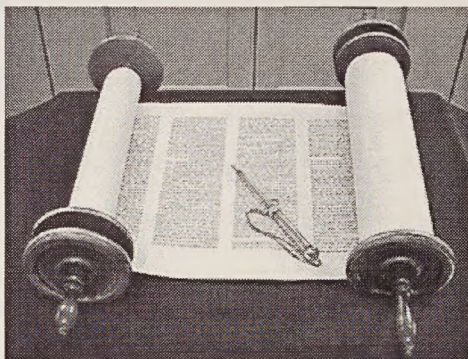
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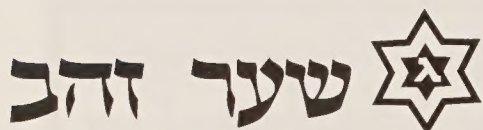
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